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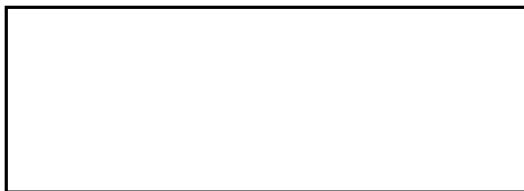
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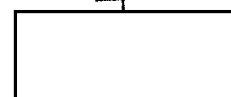
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1. IN 29 DECEMBER MESSAGE (29/0236Z), WHICH [] SHOULD 25X1

READ IF NOT ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS, CINCPAC PROPOSES HOSTING AN INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM FROM 19-24 FEBRUARY AND INVITES REPRESENTATION FROM HQS, DIA, NSA, MACV, ARPAC, CINCPACFLT/FMFPAC, PACAF AND CINCPAC J-2.

2. THOUGH WE WILL PARTICIPATE, WE ARE FRANKLY TROUBLED BY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE FORMAT AND AGENDA, PARTICULARLY THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TWO ASSESSMENTS SUBCOMMITTEES (E ON CAMBODIA AND F ON OVER-ALL COMMUNIST CAPABILITIES). THE CABLE PROPOSES THAT ONE OF THESE BE CHAIRED BY MACV, THE OTHER BY CINCPAC, AND THAT NEITHER HAVE A HQS OR A DIA MEMBER. OUR CONCERN, VERY MUCH SHARED BY GENERAL CARROLL, IS THAT THE CONTEMPLATED CONFERENCE'S REPORT MAY MAKE JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES ON WHAT ARE REALLY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS AND, PARTICULARLY, THAT THE

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WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COULD BE DEEMED (OR CLAIMED) TO ENDORSE THESE JUDGMENTS, BY VIRTUE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT WHILE WE SEE MERIT IN AN EXCHANGE OF WORKING-LEVEL IDEAS ON METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, THE CONFERENCE'S WORK ON DATA AND METHODOLOGY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN AWARENESS OF AND IN A MANNER COMPLEMENTARY TO THE CONTINUING WORK ON METHODOLOGY AND DATA BEING DONE BY THE INTERAGENCY DATA TASK FORCE, A BODY CREATED BY WHITE HOUSE DIRECTION AND CHAIRED BY THE DCI'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS. A TASK FORCE TEAM COMPOSED OF MR. GEORGE ALLEN (MR. CARVER'S DEPUTY), DR. VICTOR HEYMAN OF OSD/ SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND [REDACTED] OF DIA IS ALREADY 25X1 SCHEDULED TO VISIT VIETNAM IN EARLY FEBRUARY AND TO ARRIVE IN HONOLULU O/A 18 FEBRUARY. BY FORTUITOUS TIMING COINCIDENCE, THEREFORE, THE TEAM COULD EASILY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

4. IN LIGHT ABOVE, REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO

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GENERAL PETERSON:

A. HQS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CINCPAC CONFERENCE BUT WOULD
LIKE TO SEND FOUR (NOT THREE) DELEGATES: MR. GEORGE ALLEN, MR.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. WE REQUEST THAT MR. ALLEN SIT ON STEERING COMMITTEE

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AND WORK CLOSELY WITH SUBCOMMITTEE E (CAMBODIAN ROLE).

[REDACTED]

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SHOULD BE MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE D (LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FLOW),

[REDACTED]

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OF SUBCOMMITTEE A (METHODOLOGY), AND MR. HYLAND BE MEMBER
OF SUBCOMMITTEE F (OVER-ALL CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT). ALSO WISH

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REPRESENTATION ON SUBCOMMITTEE E (CAMBODIAN CONTRIBUTION) BY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. WITH DUE EXERCISE OF TACT, MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE

HQS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE, THIS AGENCY WILL NOT CONSIDER

ITSELF BOUND TO OR CONSTRAINED BY CONFERENCE CONCLUSION OR JUDGMENT

AFFECTING PRESENT OR FUTURE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PUBLICATIONS

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AND ESTIMATES. (FYI, WE EXPECT DIA TO MAKE IDENTICAL POINT THROUGH ITS COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.)

5. TRAVEL DETAILS AND CLEARANCE CERTIFICATIONS OF HQS DELEGATION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE CABLE.

END OF MESSAGE

D/ONE Mr. Abbot Smith (in draft)

D/OCI (in draft)

D/OER Dr. Edward Allen (in draft)

DDI Mr. R.J. Smith (in draft)

DDCI

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